

Crisis Update 2: It is the year 2024, AND:

Los Angeles: In early 2023 SpaceX decided to launch their new rocket "Falcon Heavy" to the Asteroid X57 to start a first attempt at asteroid mining. Due to some technical issues, the first launch was delayed by three months, and the first attempt has failed, as was predicted by many scientists and space industry veterans who called Elon Musk crazy for trying to exploit asteroids for resources that are still available on our home planet. SpaceX has been tanking money but Elon Musk remains hopeful and plans on sending more missions asap.

Angel Abbud-Madrid, director of the Centre for Space Resources at the Colorado School of Mines, said it would make sense to be mining on asteroids only when "things on Earth become economically astronomically expensive". To make matters worse – Young people around the globe have started demonstrating against the exploitation of celestial bodies. With the slogan "dirty money flying high", they have taken the internet by storm. Big business seems quite unphased though, and enthusiasm in Silicon Valley is higher than ever.

On another note in the US: It appears that some random Chinese and Russian Kids, all of different age and gender, have knocked on the doors of some airport police stations (at the following airports: BOS, JFK, SEA, DEN, IAD, EWR, SFB) they seem to be slightly traumatized and jetlagged from their long flights – but they all seemed to have the same script learned by heart and kept repeating that the "yankees wanted to send them up to the stars" .. once questioned in detail they switched to a foreign language that neither Russian nor Chinese interpreters could understand. (THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A RIDDLE)

Washington: NASA's project "Europa Clipper" is going well: because of "heavy falcon" of Space X being busy NASA had to use its own SLS – delaying the planned start in 2022 to now, 2024. It appears that NASA is taking the longer route towards Jupiter – with the scheduled arrival taking place in 6 years. Regarding NASA's goal on Jupiter they are being mysteriously quiet – however, renowned space gossip newspapers and blogs, like eg. spacenews.com, are guessing the target of the mission is the discovery possible resources and alien form of living on Jupiter's biggest moon.

Paris: Still no one has picked up the phone in the ESA's headquarter – with this radio silence sponsors of the ESA are getting more and more confused where their money is going. Especially Germany, who has demanded more transparency of the ESA in the past already, is wondering where the very well formatted sponsoring-thank-you-postcards and the research diaries they receiving every year are coming from.

Canada's tax reduction for private space agencies has been fruitful, the charismatic president Justin Trudeau got to welcome the Turkish-American power couple Ozmen and their company Sierra Nevada Corporation in his wonderfully peaceful country. Apologizing for the delay of their flight he greeted them with each a pair of colorful shrimp socks and a big bottle of maple syrup.

India: With India being very invested into making their country a more attractive place to launch satellites from, the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (Dubai) has spontaneously decided to launch their "Hope Mars Mission" in India – as consequence the launch was a bit in delay since transporting the material from the initial launch-place Japan to India took quite a while. It got launched end 2022, so two years in delay. Japan seems not to be too amused by India stealing its space-clients and has threatened to stop the exports of Udon noodles – which are extremely popular in India.

China: The Chinese government has demanded for a formal apology from Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and Reddit's Steve Hoffman. Furthermore, they have raised massive tariffs on all US imports, economists and politicians around the globe are in a state of panic. Two months ago, the

Chinese government unveiled their newest plan via state broadcaster: Project Colonize Mars. They are working together with several small ""private"" companies in China, among them OneSpace, iSpace, and LandSpace. Alibaba has jumped on board to help with funding.